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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and has the honor to inform it that, effective April 1, 1949, United States citizens may, simply by presenting their national passport during the period of its validity, enter without a visa:

(a) Metropolitan France, Andorra, Algeria, Morocco, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guiana, and Reunion, in transit or for stays of from one day to three months.

(b) Tunisia, in transit or for stays of from one day to two months.

They may leave under the same conditions.

United States citizens wishing to spend more than three consecutive months in France must, before their departure, request and obtain a visa from the competent French diplomatic or consular authorities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be happy to learn that, effective the same date, French citizens wishing to go to the United States for stays of not more than three consecutive months may, if they so desire, receive gratis visas valid for two years and for an unlimited number of trips during that period.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its high consideration.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES

Paris.

The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

No. 387

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to inform the Ministry that it is in receipt of telegraphic instructions from the Department of State in regard to the new visa arrangement between France and the United States which is to go into effect on April 1, 1949.

The instructions state that the government of the United States is appreciative of the concessions made by the Government of France in removing, effective April 1, 1949 the visa but not the passport requirements for American citizens, wherever they are resident, who are entering the following French territories for a temporary visit: metropolitan France, the Republic of Andorra, Algeria, Morocco, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guiana, Reunion and Tunisia.

The government of the United States desires to grant as nearly as possible, consistent with statutory and other restrictions, similar concessions to citizens of France applying for non-immigrant passport visas.

As of April 1, 1949, citizens of France resident in the above territories and in possession of valid French passports, who are eligible to receive visas as bona fide non-immigrants, will be granted gratis passport visas, and in the case of temporary visitors, the visas issued under Section 3(2) only may be valid for twenty-four months, provided the passports of the bearers remain valid.

All the other non-immigrant passport visas granted to citizens of France residing in the above-mentioned territories, as well as diplomatic, official and international organization visas, will be issued without fee and may have a maximum validity of twelve months.

Citizens of France residing outside the above-mentioned territories are subject to the former French visa fee arrangement and the maximum validity of non-immigrant visas remains twelve months.

The period of stay in the United States which may be granted any aliens is determined by the immigration inspectors at the port of entry.

Citizens of the United States proceeding to French territories other than those mentioned above are subject to French visa requirements and the former fees.

This arrangement will be put into effect outside metropolitan France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Switzerland, for citizens of France residing in the territories specified above but temporarily absent therefrom and proceeding to the United States, as soon as American consular officers can be notified.

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PARIS, March 31, 1949